NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

LORD SALISBURY has reduced the rents on his Hatfield estate.

Louisville, Ky., has announced a great stake race for \$50,000 for the spring meet-

THE heirs of the Stewart estate have de cided to sell the contents of the Fifth avenue mansion in New York at auction in

HEAVY rains are destroying crops in the northwest provinces of India. The floods are causing much loss of life and damage to property.

JUDGE GRESHAM, in the United States Court at Chicago, on the 16th, appointed Judge Cooley, of Michigan, to be receiver of the Wabash railway.

GRETTA O'CONNOR, of Donegal, Ireland, was given a verdict for \$1.500 damages for breach of promise in a suit against Frank Dougherty, a returned Irish-American.

Advices from Mandalay say that an engagement between British troops and natives has taken place near Pakoka, and that two hundred insurgents were killed.

A BANQUET was given at Paris on the 16th, by General Pelissier to Minisier Mc-Lane and the French delegates who attended the unvailing of the Bartholdi

JOHN DILLON, William O'Brien, Matthews Harris and David Sheehy were arrested at Loughrea, Ireland, on the 16th, while collecting rents according to the "Plan of Campaign."

It is said Mr. Morris K. Jessup, of New York, a Chicago & Alton director, is about to erect a \$10,000 building at Bloomington, Ill., which he will present to the Chicago & Alton Y. M. C. A.

In accordance with the invitation of the San Francisco association the twenty seventh international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in that city early in May, 1887.

JOHN C. MILLER, the patent attorney who was shot by George N. Walker at the National capital on the 8th, has died from his wounds. In his ante-mortem statement he accused Miller with wilfully shooting

THE steamer J. M. White was burned on the Mississippi river at Pointe Coupee, La., at a late hour on the night of the 13th, and from thirty-five to fifty of the passengers and crew were burned to death or

GOVERNOR R. A. ALGER of Michigan will give each of 487 Detroit newsboys a suit of recently pursued by British troops in Burclothes for a Christmas present. The mah and 200 of them were killed. nd the suits are to be delivered at their homes Christ-

YACHTING circles at the East are greatly exercised over the secrety maintained in building the Scotch vacht Thistle, on the Clyde, which is said to be the next competitor from the other side for the America's cup.

THE new War Department order adding Southern California to General Miles' de failure of Charles Winchester, of Ashpartment, is taken on all sides as evidence that the policy and course of General Miles have been satisfactory to the President and his advisors.

IDA BALDRIDGE, a young daughter of ex-Postmaster Baldridge, of Greensburg, Pa., He had just passed his eighty-eighth birthwas arrested at that place on the 13th for | day. Mr. Wilder had for many years been robbing the mails. She was well and one of the most prominent pomologists favorably known in the town, and her arrest caused intense surprise.

to the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the life-saving men of Southport, England, who lost their lives by the upsetting of their boats while engaged in relief work during the recent storm.

PRINCE FERDINAND OF SAXE-COBURG-GO-THA, after a long talk with Count Kalnoky received the Bulgarian deputation on the 14th. The Prince told the deputation that he was willing to accept the Bulgarian throne if the Sobranje elected him and the Powers confirmed his election.

JOHN T. McGowan, receiver of the Guardian Savings Institution of New York, is \$77,000 short in his accounts, as stated by the referee appointed by the court to pass upon the receiver's reports. The Guardian was once controlled by Boss Tweed and members of his ring.

GENERAL BROWN, of Indiana, appeared on the floor of the House at Washington on the 13th, for the first time this session. He intends securing some member to pair with him and to get relieved from all committee work, as owing to his wife's illness he will not return to the capital again this

STATEMENTS have recently been printed in effect that John Roach, the ship-builder, was dying, or in imminent danger of death. At his home, on the 16th, Mr. Roach's son and physician stated that The subject of inquiry was about the house and extremely analyed at the reports of his serious condition.

LIEUTENANT JOHN F. FINLEY, who was recently placed in charge of the signalservice station in New York, is said to be the largest man in the United States army. He is six feet four inches tall and weighs 250 pounds. He does not appear the giant he is, however, on account of being so well

MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND made her first appearance at an entertainment in behalf of a public charity at an E Pluzibus Unum party for the benefit of the Gazfield Memorial hospital at Washington the evenings of the 16th and 17th. She assisted Mrs. William C. Whitney at one of the booths. The leading spirit in the enterprise was Mrs. John A. Logan.

Ar the farewell banquet given at Delmonico's, New York, on the 14th, by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome to Henry M. Stanley. who was about to sail for Europe, in response to King Leopold's summons, Mr. Stanley said he had asked one of his friends to bid good-bye for him to the thousands of Americans for whose kindness he desired to make due acknowledg-

THE nomination of Mr. T. C. Manning, to tenced to death at Sidney, New South se Minister to Mexico, is still in the Presi- | Wales, for assaulting a servant girl, have dent's hands. It was made out at the been let off with life imprisonment. State Department and was sent to the White House for the President's signa- Corydon, Ind., committed suicide on the 17th duties as mayor of New York, January 1. ture and there it stopped, while the re- by shooting. He was a member of several port went out that it would probably go secret societies and had his life insured no further. The news that there is an in- for \$8,000. tention to make another change does not cause much surprise at the capital.

MAJOR NATHANIEL F. HUED died at the home of his grandson, H. G. H. Tarr, Esq., Grover Cleveland." in Mount Clair, N. J., a few days ago, as the result of injuries sustained by a fall | returned by the Federal grand-jury in nearly & year previously. Major Hurd St. Louis, on the 17th, against a large numwas a native of Ohio, and had reached the ber of persons. Sixteen arrests were joyed the distinction of having shaken by the hand every President from Franklin Pierce, for whom he cast his first vote to the similar measure in the hand every President from Franklin debate, the bill to redeem the trade dolripe age of ninety-seven years. He en- made. joyed the distinction of having shaken by THE Senate on the 17th passed without Pierce, for whom he cast his first vote. to lar. A similar measure is bending in the and one-eighth of an inch shorter than the the present incumbent.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

THE seed store and agricultural warehouse of J. W. McCullough & Co., at Cincinnati, was damaged to the extent of \$40,000 by fire on the 15th. A CONVENTION of railway commissioners

of various Western States began its ses sion at Des Moines, Ia., on the 15th. FOLLOWING the lead of the Eastern coal monopolists, the Illinois operators have taken advantage of a temporary short supply to advance the price of soft coal twenty cents per ton at the mines. An examination of election frauds is

going on before the United States Commissioner at Indianapolis. Serious dissensions have arisen in the British Cabinet in regard to the enforcement of coercion in Ireland. THE third annual convention of the In-

ternationa l Association of Fairs and Expositions began its sessions at Chicago on PATTI seats at the City of Mexico sold

enormously in spite of the recent swindle, and at large prices. An organized band of colored thieves and murderers has been discovered in

York County, S. C., and twenty-six arrests have been made. FAIR women, hot coffee and sandwiches, and the prayers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union carried the day for prohibition in Worcester, Mass.

THE walls of a building in process of demolition on the site of the proposed new Congressional Library building in Washingtan fell on the 15th, precipitating several workmen to the basement, all of whom were more or less seriously injured by the falling debris.

WM. DAILY, reported lost among the victims of the Mississippi steamer J. M. White disaster, is supposed to be ex-United States Marshal Daily, of Nebraska his home being at Peru, Neb. He left home recently for a Southern trip. He was a prominent politician, farmer and cattle-raiser.

THE will of the late Richard Perkins, of Boston, provides for bequests to educational and charitable institutions of \$237,-000. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology gets \$100,000.

THE Ohio Supreme Court has decided the Dow law constitutional. SECRETARY MANNING has directed the payment, without rebate, of the interestamounting to about \$9,000,000-due January I, 1887, on the four per cent. loan of 1907,

and on Pacific railroad bonds. THE statement that Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg had been asked to accept the Bulgarian throne is officially denied. THE farmers of North Wales have expelled the church bailiffs and escorted

to be trouble ahead. LABORERS on Aquilla Laferty's farm in Pike County, Ind., dug up the headless remains of a colored man, the supposed victim of striking miners, whose places were taken by negroes from the South. MR. AND MRS. HAMILTON FISH celebrated their golden wedding at New York on the

COUNSEL for ex-Alderman McQuade of New York, the convicted bribe-taker, will move for a new trial. No more of the "boodle" cases will be taken up this A BAND of Dacoits numbering 700 were

PART of the letters stolen from the Ostend express in Belgium, recently, were found in the Grand Hotel at Brussels. THE Bombay Gazette charges that the French are actively intriguing against the British in the Somali country, East Africa. It was estimated at Washington, on a review of the field on the 16th, that the

consideration would be defeated by from three to five votes. THE announcement on the 16th of the burnham, Mass., for \$500,000, and the possible embarrassment of several banks in consequence, caused a sensation in busi-

proposition to take up the tariff bill for

ness circles. HON. MARSHALL P. WILDER died at his residence at Roxbury, Mass., on the 16th. and horticulturists of the country. He was president of the American Pomological Society and was making active prepara-EMPEROR WILLIAM has subscribed \$1,000 tions for a meeting of that society in Boston, in 1887, at the time of his death. COUNT HERBERT BISMARCK Says complete

accord exists between Germany, England and France concerning the relations between Germany and the Sultan of Zanzi-SECRETARY WHITNEY and the President himself, it is also understood, have given

emphatic indication of their desire to have the House pass as speedily as possible the bill consolidating the bureaus of the Navy Department.

THE Washington Star says it is probable that Comptroller Durham will disallow the usual expenses of justices of the Supreme Court on New Year's Day. It has been customary to pay for their carriages and gloves used in making New Year's calls, but it is very doubtful if the timehonored custom will be countenanced. JUDGE THURMAN'S friends say he is out

f politics forever.

JAMER D. WARREN, proprietor of the Buffalo Commercial, died on the 17th. THE blooded stock belonging to Fred Archer, the late English jockey, was sold at auction on the 17th for £3,585. THE whaling bark Atlantic was wrecked

off San Francisco on the 17th with large FRIDAY, the 17th, was John G. Whittier's seventy-ninth birthday, and was appropriately celebrated. THE sentence of McQuade, the convicted

ex-alderman of New York, was deferred to Monday, the 20th. CHARLES ANDERSON goes to the peniter tiary from Clinton, Ill., for fourteen years

JUDGE COOLEY has notified Judge Gresham of his acceptance of the Wabash receivership GRATIOT WASHBURNE, son of Hon. E. B.

Washburne, dropped dead at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., on the 17th. CARDINAL GIBBONS and Archbishops Corrigan and Ryan had a conference at Philadelphia on the 17th, supposably on the labor question.

SYLVESTER GRANDA, who was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., for complicity in the Haddock murder, has made a confession. A LOCOMOTIVE was ditched on the Cincinnati. Southern railroad at Pine Knot, Tenn., on the 17th, by the breaking of an

axle, and the engineer and fireman were An injunction has been issued restraining the Cunard and White Star Steamship ines from refusing to carry any mails of-

fered for American ports. JAKE SCHAEFER beat Slosson in th billiard match in Chicago on the night of the 17th by a score of \$00 points to 430. THE trampinsurrection at the Lancaster. (Pa.) workhouse is at an end, the men re-

suming work at the stonebreaking on the 17th, after having been deprived of food for thirty-six hours. THREE of the nine vouths recently sen

Wm. E. JORDAN, a business man of

HENRY W. GRADY, editor of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, in an interview at New York, on the 17th, said that "everything south of Mason and Dixon's line is for

INDICTMENTS for election frauds were

genuine. House.

THE business failures occurring through; out the country during the seven days ended the 17th numbered in the United States 260, and for Canada 28, a total of 288, against 274 for the preceding like

THE Board of Managers of the Soldiers' National Homes were in session at Washington on the 17th, making estimates and endeavoring to secure an increase of ac-

commodations for the homes. On the 17th the jury at East Cambridge, Mass., rendered its verdict in the case of George Francis Baker and Mary Ann Jane Baker, his wife, charged with the murder of Susannah Prescott, of Groton, Mass. The man was acquitted; the woman was found guilty of murder in the second de-

MRS. LANDGRAP, the boycotted New York baker, has opened a dispensary on a small scale at her house, for the sale of German pills. The boycott ruined her bakery business and she since has found difficulty in making a living.

XLIXTH CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 13th the credentials of Mr. Edmunds (Vt.) for the term beginning March 4, 1887, were presented. Mr. Morrill introduced a bill for the maintenance of National banks. The Electoral Count bill was ordered printed. Mr. Morrill's tariff resolution was considered and went over A committee was appointed to attend Representative Dowdney's funeral. Adjourned.....In the House resolutions were introduced by Mr. Lawler (Ill.) in favor of using the surplus for coast defenses. A resolution was introduced by Mr Weaver asking information concerning cancellation of treasury notes. A resolution granting use of the hall to the women suffragists January 25, 26 and 27 was adopted; also a resolution authorizing prepayment of interest on the public debt.

In the Senate on the 14th a resolution was presented regarding immigration, naturalization and suffrage, from German citizens of Wisconsin. The bill for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dellar was reported back from the committee on finance. A bill was introduced to increase pensions of disabled soldiers. The House amendments to the Electoral bill were nonconcurred in. The bill repealing the Tenureof Office law was debated In the House resolutions were adopted regarding the interpretation of the Tariff law of 1886. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was considered in committee of the whole and several amend-

In the Senate on the 15th a memorial was presented against admission of foreign built ships to American registry. A resolution was offered inquiring how the Missouri River Commission had apportioned its money. The Tenure-of-Office bill was laid over till the 16th. Mr. Platt's resolution for nominations to be considered in open session was laid on the table. The conference report them out of the district. There is thought on the Inter-State Commerce bill was ordered printed. The bill prohibiting Senators or Representatives from acting as attorneys for subsidized railroad companies was discussed. ...In the House-Mesers. Caldwell, Eden and Cooper were appointed conferees on the Electoral Count bill. Allotment in severalty to Indians was considered. Certain additional cities were brought under provisions of the National Banking law. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was taken up. A bill to supply a deficiency in appropriations for public printing was reported. Adjourned.

In the Senate on the 16th a resolution was adopted regarding the reapportionment of the Missouri river appropriations. Petitions were presented from tobacco manufacturers in reference to the packing of cut tobacco. The bill was passed permitting owners of American vessels to sue the Government for losses caused w collision with United States vessels. A bil was passed granting a pension to Mrs. Barbara Fuchs. Mr. Beck retracted some offensive remarks previously made reflecting on the judiciary committee. The debate on the Tenureof-Office bill was resumed In the House a bill was passed providing for the retirement of Admirals Rowan and Worden. Remonstrances were presented against the Dunn Free Ship The bill was passed for allotment of lands in severalty to Indians: also, the Urgent Deficiency bill for public printing. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was considered in committee of the whole.

In the Senate on the 17th petitions were presented for reduction of the oleomargarine tax. A resolution was offered for appointment of a the troubles with Mexico. The bill for retirement and recoinage of the trade-dollar passed. The bill extending the free-delivery system passed. A measure was introduced providing for issue of two and one-balf per cent, bonds. The bill giving pension claimants, whose applications have been rejected, the right of trial by jury was recommitted. A bill was passed for relief of B. B. Connor, of Louisville. Bills authorizing construction of bridges across certain rivers were passed. The bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office act was passed..... In the House an inquiry was ordered into the proposed consolidation of cercain offices. A bill was introduced providing for a fisheries commission. The Sundry Civil Appropriations bill was passed. Memorials were presented regarding the rights of American vessels in Spanish ports. The bill for the adjustment of the accounts of the McMinuville & Manchester Railroad Company was passed. The Senate bill was passed increasing the pension of General Benj. F. Kelly, of West Virginia. An evening session was held and several pension bills were passed.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Senate was not in session on the 19th In the House the Senate amendments to the House bill authorizing the half less than the old rate of interest. employment of mail messengers in the postal service were non-concurred in, and conference was ordered. The House apon its passage a bill appropriating trial. \$500,000 for a public building at Charleston, S. C. The Oklahoma bill was bending action the morning hour expired. Mr. Morrison (Ill.) moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the State of the Union and consider revenue oills. Defeated on a yea and nay voteyeas, 149; nays, 154. Pending an attempt

to consider the Naval Appropriation bill he House adjourned. EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany has been daily visitor of late to the stores at Unter der Linden, purchasing Christmas presents for the Imperial household.

VALUABLE seams of coal have recently een discovered in the vicinity of Posen. They cover an area of 1,500 hectares, and are estimated to contain 750,000,000 hectoli-

An East African plantation company has been formed at Berlin, and has bought 25,000 hectares of land from the African Society, with the object of establishing a

THE Chinese Minister to Germany on the 19th inspected two new iron-clads in course of construction at Stettin for his government, and which are nearly completed. He has also ordered four gunboats. Mr. Morrison's motion in the House of

Representatives on the 19th to go into comnittee of the whole for the purpose of considering revenue bills, was defeated by a vote of yeas, 149; nays, 154. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS MONTGOMERY

has notified the clerks, whose work is in arrears, that they will after January 3. be required to work from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. until they catch up. Poor fellows. Two Germans have been arrested at Brussels, Belgium, on the charge of being implicated in the late robbery of a mail train between Ostend and Verviers.

THE farewell banquet to Abram S. Hewitt by his Congressional associates in Washington, on the night of the 19th, was a happy affair. Mr. Hewitt assumes his CASPAR TUBSING, a German crank with "secret telegraphy" scheme which he

wished to demonstrate to the President, was taken in charge by the Washington police on the 19th. ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEES of Nebraska complains in his report to the Governor of the tendency of the Federal courts to encroach upon the prerogatives of the State judiciary, particularly in criminal cases. CHIEF DRUMMOED of the United States secret service cautions the public against a spurious twenty-dollar silver note sup-

MISSOURI STATE NEWS. County Commissioners' Convention.

The second annual session of the convention of County School Commissioners of Missouri will convene in the Senate Chamber at Jeffer son City, December 30, 1886, at 3 o'clock p. m. While parties interested in public school edu cation are cordially invited to be present and take part in the exercises, it is the earnest desire of the officers of the convention to have in attendance as many commissioners as possible. Much good was accomplished by the meeting last year, and much better results can be achieved this year, if each commissioner will come and assist in accomplishing just what he himself, needs most to have done. The following subjects will be discussed during the con-

1. Uniform system in examining and licens 2. How to make the county institute a suc

3. How to secure uniformity of text-book and how far is uniformity desirable. 4. County supervision; how secured? and nec

essary requirements? 5. Can the country schools be graded? If so how? 6. How far should official courtesy extend i granting certificates to those holding certificates from other commissioners?

7. Contrast the duties of the commissioner

under our present law with what they should 8. Under "incompetency or immorality," what specific charges-if proven-constitute sufficient grounds for revocation of a certifi-

cate? 9. What amendments to our present school law are desirable?

10. Important questions discussed. Duties have not been assigned to individual members, but every question will be open to all for discussion. A committee on "Order of Business" will be appointed immediately after organization, and this committee will designate some one present to lead, on each duty. Buy round trip tickets from place of starting for one and one-third fare. Trains reach Jefferson City by Missouri Pacific at 1 a. m. and 1 p. m., and by the Chicago & Alton at 7 p. m. You are especially invited to be present; de not fail to come. W. E. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Miscellaneous Items. The Kansas City Court of Appeals has adjourned till the second Monday in Januarv, 1887.

One Edward Phillips, of Kansas City, who was to have been tried for criminal assault upon a young Swede girl, committed suicide in jail. He leaves a wife. Mrs. George Gresham was suddenly stricken with paralysis at Missouri City few days ago. The use of her limbs is entirely lost and her power of speech is gone. No hopes of her recovery are enter-

tained. The motion for a new trial was granted o Dorin G. Parker, the murderer of David C. Montgomery, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree in the Criminal Court and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. The case vill not come up for trial again until the

March term. In the United States District Court at Kansas City, Thomas Dale, a colored resident of Gallatin, was recently convicted of attempting to pass a counterfeit half dollar upon a keeper of a lemonade stand at a church picnic, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Mike Nevill, also a Gallatinite, was given two years in the same institution for having in his possession, when arrested, several well-executed imitations of the "daddy dollar."

recently assumed very definite shape before Judge W. W. Edwards, of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, who orders the opening of the ballot-boxes. Rev. Father Francis W. Graham, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, in St. Joseph, and one of the best known and most able priests in the diocese of St. Joseph, was reported lying at the point of death at his

The Klein-Valliant contest in St. Louis

home in that city, from an acute attack of congestion of the lungs. He was attacked very suddenly. The physicians entertained little hope of his recovery. Mrs. Mary Donovan, a woman about eighty-five years of age, residing in St. Louis, while taking some clothes off a line a few nights ago, fell over the banisters of a second-story porch, a distance of twelve or fourteen feet, and was picked up dead. Governor Marmaduke has pardoned Tharles Logan, who was sentenced from Greene County in May, 1883, for five years, for burglary and larceny. The pardon was granted on the recommendation of the warden and inspectors of the

penitentiary, who asked it for the courageous conduct displayed by Logan in defense of Foreman Gould of the Giesiecke Boot and Shoe Company, who was attacked by a murderous convict, and would have been killed but for the interference of Logan. A meeting of the Fund Commissioners was held at Jefferson City a few days ago, and in addition to making an order for the transmission of the January interest on

State bonds to the National Bank of Commerce, New York, it was decided to issue \$1.577,000 of three and one-half per cent. funding bonds for sale on the 9th of next February, as provided by an act of the Legislature of 1885. During the past year two sales of State bonds occurred and the premiums bid reduced the interest practically to three per cent. per annum, one-Darius Garies Parker, who was convicted at the November term of court at

St. Joseph of the murder of David S. refused unanimous consent to put | Montgomery, has been granted a new Mrs. Eliza Houston, a colored lady, said to be over one hundred years old, died in considered in committee of the whole, but | St. Louis recently. She was born a slave on the plantation of a Mr. Pernell, in Virginia, and afterward became the property of a Mr. Houston. She located in St. Louis many years ago, and it is said of her that on one occasion she became totally blind, and about a year afterward recovered her sight completely. She died in a rocking chair, rather unexpectedly, remarking to

her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Smith, when the fatal shock came, "I am going to die," and fell back a corpse. She was strong and hearty up to the time of her death. The second annual exhibition of the Mississippi Valley Poultry Club, held in the St. Louis Exposition building last week, was a pronounced success, there

being over two thousand chickens in the exhibition and in competition. Mrs. Frank Nelson was fatally burned a few days ago, near Rosedale, a suburb of I then returned upstairs and met the head Kansas City. She had attempted to accelerate the kindling of a fire with coal oil, when her clothes took fire, and she was burned in a most frightful manner,

and survived only a few hours. Has any one seen "Jim Cummings?" At a recent mass Sunday-school service in the great Music Hall of the St. Louis Exposition building there were nearly ten thousand adults and children packed in the hall and upon the stage, and an overflow meeting had to be held in Entertainment Hall in the same building. The song service is described as having been particularly inspiring, and requests have been

made for its repetition. John Sullivan, better known as "English Jack," who was suspected of being implicated in a recent jewelry robbery, was fatally shot in Kansas City a few nights ago by officers Gilley and Kersey while resisting arrest.

The Sedalia saloons are now closed or Sundays-ostensibly so. Henry Hecks, John McDonald and Thos. Meenan, were engaged at the Western Steel jumped into the river and were lost. I was apparently in a sinking condition. works in St. Louis a few days ago in As he struck the water he was caught by cleaning the lining of a steel vessel. Suddenly the lining gave way and all three one of the sailor-men, dragged into the men were thrown violently to the ground. | yawl and brought ashore."

jured. There were 277 births and 158 deaths in St. Louis last week, twenty of the deaths being from diphtheria. vated, rapid-transit railway except those upon whose property the proposed route

Hecks was killed outright, while McDon-

ald and Meenan were very badly in-

abuts. The Kansas City Post (German) has suspended.

A RIVER HORROR.

Burning of the Magnificent Steam er J. M. White.

Nearly a Half Hundred of the Passengers and Crew Either Burned or Drowned -Agonizing Scenes on Board the Doomed Craft.

New ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The famous passenger packet and cotton carrier, J. M. White, caught fire at ten o'clock last night and burned to the water's edge, at a point five miles above Bayou Sara, while on her way down the river. All the rescued took the Mississippi Valley train for his city, arriving this noon.

New ORLEANS, Dec. 15 .- From interviews with men and officers of the ill-fated steamboat, J. M. White, the New Orleans States has collected the following details of

the disaster: The White was hauled up to the dock, and thirty or forty roustabouts were getting cotton-seed aboard, when Watchman Tom Miller began to ring the alarm bell and shouts of "fire" were heard. Great confusion ensued. Employes ran quickly about to wake up the sleeping passengers, who hurried out partly dressed and panic-

stricken Second Engineer Tom Barry was the man who first saw the fire. It was in a cotton bale amidship. He cried "fire," and Miller at once began ringing the bell and stayed at his post until driven away by the advancing flames.

Wm. McGreevy, chief engineer, was asleep in the texas. Being awakened by the clanging bell, he sprang from his bed and groped his way through the smoke to arouse his partner, John Palasier, second assistant engineer. Meeting Palasier about midway, the two men began a search through the suffocating smoke for others who slept in the texas. They were unable to discover any one and believing all had escaped, they crawled to the hurricane deck, from whence they climbed down on one of the stanchions to the right side of the boat and escaped to shore.

Two streams of water had been brought to play upon the fire, and the engineers fought the flames step by step, but were finally forced to drop the hose and save themselves.

The flames made very rapid progress and in a short time the entire left side of the boat was a mass of flames. The railing of the cabin deck was soon on fire. and the entire boat was encircled in flames. The shrieks of the passengers and crew and the crackling of the fire

caused great excitement. Head Clerk McVay was in his cabin when he heard the first alarm. He had barely time to secure some of the 'money from the safe and the most valuable papers, before the flames were upon him. He then ran out and devoted himself to efforts to save the passengers. He says there were fifteen or eighteen cabin pas sengers, of whom eight were ladies. He first awakened second clerk John Callahan, who did not stop to put any clothing on except his shirt and trousers. McVay and Callahan made a rapid tour of the rooms to make sure that no one was left unwarned of danger.

Among the passengers who crowded together on the deck, most of whom were ciad only in night garments, was a gent mag who was recognized as the superin tendent of the Vidalia Southern railroad who was travelling with his wife and two girls, nine and twelve years old. As the roaring flames drew near the group, the father, seeing that they would be burned to death if they remained, grasped his little girls, one after the other, and threw them into the water. He was urging his wife to take the leap when a burst of flames enveloped them. They soon fell, apparently suffocated by inhaling the fire,

and were burned to death. John Stout and Bob Smith, the pilots or watch were in the pilot-house and were compelled to jump into the river, where they were picked up. They had a narrow

escape from death. So quick was the spread of the flames that it was impossible to see who escaped and who perished. The decks were crowded. While they were escaping, as best they could, the steam pipe blew up. The force of the explosion was terrific. Many bales of cotton was thrown high into the air where they revolved several times and then fell into the river. Just after the explosion shrieks were heard coming from the stern of the boat, where two colored women were seen enveloped by flames. A moment later they had fallen and dis-

appeared. The wheel-house first gave way, then followed the starboard cabins. The rescued were picked up by the

steamboat Stella Wild. As the last were being taken aboard the four kegs of powder on board blew up and hurled the burning wreck in all directions. This virtually put the fire out, as but little was left to A minute or two after the explosion a cry forward was heard from mid-stream.

A boat was lowered from the Stella Wild and pulled in the direction of the call for help. A man was seen through the darkness clinging to a cotton bale, but just as the boat was nearing him the bale turned over, the man's hold was loosened, and he sank to rise no more. SURVIVORS' STORIES. Nearly all of the persons rescued from

the steamer reached here to-day and

gave vivid accounts of the destruction

of that splendid vessel. James Collins, the deck watchman, said: "I had just come out of the hold three minutes before the fire started. I was down there seeing how the water was. As I was responding to the call of the mate, one of the cabin boys shouted, The boat's a-fire.' I 'ran amidships saw smoke and could and smell the cotton burning. I then ran upstairs to the hurricane deck and rang the bell several times. Then I came down stairs and tried to fight my way to the deck-room to see what assistance I could render, but I was driven back by the dense smoke and the flames, which by this time were fast enveloping the boat cook, and told him that the boat was on fire, and he returned to the cabin to wake up the other cooks. By this time the entire boat was on fire, and the scene was one that I can not describe. I have made many trips on the Mississippi and have seen boats go to the bottom with terrorstricken souls on board, but I never witnessed such a scene as that last nightwomen shricked, children screamed and men swore, and all rushed frantically up and down beseeching assistance, and when they saw that the condition was a desper ate one they plunged into the river. Some became benumbed with cold and went down, others were crushed between cotton bales, while a few were fortunate enough to reach shore. Nearly all that were the fire and smoko in that direction, and those who lacked the courage to leap into the river were roasted that nearly every one who was forward saw the pilot on watch leap overhoard

Mr. P. J. Dolson, the carpenter, told this story: "The bell rang furiously seven or eight times. I knew instinctively it was fire. I snatched some clothing and ran outside and met Bob Smith, the pilot, and McGreevy. Smith told Mac to go aft. Mac Everybody in St. Louis wants the ele | replied: 'No, sir; go forward.' They then went out on the larboard side and climbed down the stanchions. I left the texas and went on the starboard side of the hurrigane roof and climbed down to the boiler deck, forward of the pantry, and saw the flames circling from the en. on butterine in Canada.

deck, but I knew that I could get through, as the flames were aft, and save myself, so I jumped over the boiler-deck railing to the cotton below, and then went ashore on the stage. I don't think any one followed behind me. When I got out on the cotton I saw a large number of persons forward on the lower deck, who were trying to get out on the stage, which had been placed on top of the cotton and reaching to the banks. Cries of 'For God's sake press that end of the stage and let us get off,' rang out over the noise and din of the fire. I called on those standing near me to stand on the stage with me, which they did. We braced her, and all rushed off and were saved. I then went ashore and walked up the bank to get a look at the stern of the boat and see what assistance I could be to those aft. Here men, women and children were screaming: 'For God's sake come and save us.' Andy Pierce and his partner cut the yawl loose and lowered it. Four negroes leaped into it, cut the painters and were trying to go off with it when Andy leaped into the boat—injuring himself by the act—forced the boat back and allowed twenty persons to enter it, and, with his living carge, landed safe on shore. He hastened back, and on his second trip he saved equally as large a number. On his third trip he saved nine. and on his fourth and last trip, three By this time all that remained of the J. M. White was her hull. I never beheld so awful a sight before. While at the stern of the boat Mr. Stafford, with

gine-room. It was black as night on that

not leap after the children is a mystery. They did not, and both were suffocated and burned to death. "One of the sallors burned his hands in saving a woman who was in the river between two bales of cotton struggling for life. I don't think, owing to the intense heat, any one on the stern of the boat could live over ten minutes. The captain of the watch jumped overboard and was drowned. There was a man trying to push a prize steer from Nebraska into the river, but could not, and both man and beast were crushed to death by the caving in of the cabin stanchions. Billy McGolley threw a coat over his face, and, fighting his way on his knees through the smoke, was saved." Regarding the origin of the fire, Mr. Dolson said that he had been told that

his wife by his side, siezed his little

girls and threw them into the river,

They sank instantly and never came to the

the flames were first discovered abaft the doctor, about 'midships. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15 .- From all that can be ascertained it is estimated that fully forty persons perished by the burning of the White. The following white

people were MISSING: L. H. Stafford, wife and daughter, of Vidalia.

Mrs. Murray, of Natchez. Miss Agnes McCabe, of West Feliciana. Two other lady passengers, names unknown. Three men and a woman were seen to go down when the hurricane deck fell.

steamboat man.

to have been LOST: Levi Robinson, captain of the watch. Two unknown negro women. Dick Randolph, fireman, Oscar Landry and Lewis Martin, cooks. Albert Brown, cabin boy.

Amos Morse, porter. Edward Jackson, cabin boy. Jenny Walker, chambermaid. Martha Washington, chambermaid. Duncan Forth, cook. Two negro preachers. A negro woman and her son, from Port

Hickey. Volsin Bell, laborer. Two negro women, each with a baby. tucky, are lost.

Miss McCabe, of West Feliciana, was lost. to rescue the women. All the white officers of the boat es-Mr. J. E. Carew and his wife, of Ottawa,

ly injured: John Stahl, the pilot; Hortense Smith and Mrs. Smith, of Racine, Wis.; a gentleman and his wife from Chicago, name unknown. The J. M. White was the finest steamer on the Mississippi. She was built by the Howard Brothers, of Jeffersonville, Ind., about two years ago, at a cost of about

company, of which Captain John W. Tobin was president and superintendent. The White was en route for New Orleans, and had a cargo of cotton on board estimated at 2,000 bales.

Murdered by His Father for Losing His 6weetheart. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 14.-Robert Bousenish, the son of a well-to-do Hungarian residing at Pittston, was brutally murdered by his father. Young Bousenish was the suiter for the hand of Lena Muleckeski, the daughter of a wealthy saloon-keeper. His suit, however, was not encouraged by the young lady, and last night she rejected Bousenish's offer of marriage. He returned home and informed his father of his ill-luck. The latter became greatly enraged at his son's failure, and exclaiming "You are no good to let other Hungarian boys cut you out," drew a revolver and shot his son, inflict-

ng a wound which resulted in death a few hours later. The father has been jailed. Divorced. NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- It was reported last night upon what seemed unquestionable authority, but too late for absolute verification, that Mrs. Amos Lawrence Hopkins had been granted an absolute divorce from her husband. It is said that by the decision the lady is free to marry again, but that the husband can not. This being true, the divorce must have been given

Mrs. Hopkins on her plea of her husband's infidelity. In her suit she made a former maidservant in her employ co-respondent with her husband. Mrs. Hopkins is at present stopping at the Everett House. She could not be seen last night. It is said that she will shortly leave for the South, where

she will spend the winter with her father. A Rescued Crew. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.-The crew of the brig Garner, comprising the captain. nine men and a boy, were landed here last night, having been picked up at sea by the Clyde steamship line's steamer Goldsboro, from Norfolk and Washington, in an exhausted and almost frozen condition. The brig Garner was bound from the port lost were aft. The wind drove of Trinidad, Cuba, for New York, with a cargo of sugar valued \$50,000, and during a dense fog on Sunday morning, about alive or suffocated to death. I believe o'clock, she struck the wreck of the English steamship Brinkburn on Fenwick's was saved. There may have been some Island shoal, and partially filled with wawho lost their presence of mind and | ter. All hands took to the boats, as the brig

> —A physician writes to the New En-gland Farmer from Asheville, N. C., with respect to the mountain regions of the "Old North State," that after making personal observations in about thirty States of the Union he has no hesitation in saying that the essential elements of good health are found in a larger proportion there than in any other section of our country east of the Rocky mountains.

-It is unlawful to sell oleomargarine

THE HADDOCK MURDER.

The Confession of Sylvester Granda, One of the Active Participants in the Crime, De-tailing the Manner of Its Commission and the Escape of Some of the Perpetrators

A Dozen to One. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—Sylvester Granda, alias Charles Gander, or Steamboat Charley, the man who was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of Rev. H. C. Haddock, of Sioux City, Ia., was positively identified by Sheriff McDonald, of Woodbury County, Iowa. The sheriff arrived yesterday morning. His wife appeared at the Central station in the morning and made a statement. At first Granda would not make a statement, but when told of his

wife's story he made a confession. His defense will be self-defense. Sheriff McDonald left last evening for Sioux City with Granda and his wife. Granda's confession is substantially as follows: He says he had been drinking heavily on the day of the murder; he was with Koshnitski, Leavitt, Triber, Arensdorf and others during the afternoon. They were "cussing" Rev. Mr. Haddock and other Prohibitionists, and said they were running the State, and ought to be tarred and feathered or strung up. Triber said he would give any of us boys \$200 apiece who would lay old Haddock out. They were bitter against all the Prohibitionists, but especially bitter against Rev. Mr. Haddock. Koshnitzki,

Granda and others were given money and told to go and assault several Prohibitionists, among them Rev. Mr. Haddock. They were promised protection and more money if they did the work. They went to Rev. Mr. Haddock's house, but surface. Why the father and mother did returned and reported that he had gone out in the country in a buggy. They reported to Triber at his saloon. Triber told them to lay for Haddock at the livery stable and knock him down when he came out. The stable was on a dark and unfrequented street. They all took another drink. Granda says he was not drunk, but admits that he was under the influence of liquor. About 6:30 or 7 o'clock Granda and Kosh-

nitzki started for the livery stable. They were followed by Triber, Arensdorf, Leavitt and the other men about the saloon, ten or a dozen in all. The scheme was for Koshnitzki and Granda to assault Rev. Mr. Haddock first, and the others would follow them up and help them out. As they went toward the livery stable they saw Rev. Mr. Haddock coming along the street. They went up to him in an abusive way. Granda had a revolver in his hand. He says he does not know where he got it. He thinks somebody gave it to him. He says he was not going to shoot, and can't remember just how he held the pistol. Just then Arensdorf rushed up and grabbed the pistol as he (Granda) was about to Captain G. W. Floyd, a well-known drop it on the sidewalk. Arensdorf grabbed the pistol with the remark: You are too drunk to shoot der verfluchter feigling" (cursed coward).

Then Arensdorf fired and Mr. Haddock fell to the sidewalk. They all fled. That night Arensdorf gave Granda and Koshnitzki \$125 and told them to skip at once. Instead of doing so they stayed in town and got drunk. The following colored people are known The next day Fred Folger, a butcher, who is Granda's brother-in-law, put him and his wife and Koshnitzki on the flatboat and started them down the river. Things were growing very warm by that time. About twenty-five miles down John Parker and Perry Williams, cabin the river they were signaled by a horseman on the shore. They went ashore and found it was Folger. Folger gave Mrs. Granda \$125 more and took Koshnitki across the country to a small station, where he left for San Francisco. Folger is also a cousin to Koshnitzki. Granda and his wife continued their trip on the boat to this city. Granda is rather an intelligent German, and was formerly a sailor. This and his occupation as river rat gained him the It is thought that William Daly, of Otto sobriquet of "Steamboat Charley." County, Neb., and Mr. Oberchain, of Ken- Koshnitzki and others claim that when Arensdorf fired Mr. Haddock was making for him with a heavy Her sister made a remarkable escape. window-sash weight which he drew from She says Captain Floyd lost his life trying his pocket. Granda says he does not know what Mr. Haddock was doing when the

fatal shot was fired. "BOODLER" McQUADE.

A Disappointed Crowd, Who Were Present The following were also saved, all slight in Court Expecting to Hear Sentence Pronounced—Deferred for a Day or Two. NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- At eleven o'clock this morning Part A of the General Sessions was filled to overflowing by those waiting to hear sentence pronounced upon Arthur McQuade, convicted of bribe taking. The space alloted to spectators was crowded, while inside the rail were court \$250,000, and was owned by an incorporated officers, men with sufficient influence to pass the sacred limits, reporters in abundance, General Tracy, ex-Senator Grady and Lawyer Newcomb, counsel for the defendant, and McQuade, accompanied by two officers and his faithful brother,

> The prisoner occupied the time before court opened in chatting and laughing in an unconcerned manner, and showed the same unmoved bearing that has characterized him throughout both trials. At 11 a. m. the cry of "Hats off" announced the opening of court, and Recorder Smythe, followed by Judge Daly and other counsel for the prosecution, entered the room and took their places.

> Mr. Newcomb moved that the passing of sentence be postponed, as new evidence relative to the misconduct of a juror had come to his hand. The Recorder said that since the misconduct did not occur after the jury was sworn in, he saw no reason for deferring sentence. Mr. Newcomb then presented a paper he had prepared with the charges set forth,

> because the accusers of juror Rosenburg, were permitted to swear against him in court. District Attorney Martine looked over the paper and then asked the court to allow until Monday morning to answer the charges. The Recorder accordingly postponed sentence and adjourned court until Monday

and asked for postponement of sentence,

at eleven o'clock. McQuade was congratulated by a host of friends, and after talking and shaking hands with them, he was taken back to the Tombs.

It was a singular feature of the occasion that the Board of Aldermen of 1884 were conspicuous by their absence. A Youthful Mail Robber.

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 17 .- For some time past letters with money in them have been missing in the Meriden post-office. W. A. Kelsey & Co., manufacturers of the Excelsior printing presses, who receive considerable sums of money by mail, were the principal victims. Suspicion pointed toward Frank Hess, fifteen years old, who has charge of the delivery window. Yes terday afternoon the money order cler addressed a decoy letter to W. A Kelse & Co., with a marked dollar bill inclosed and it was afterward found on young Hess. He was arrested, but denied taking the letter, alleging that he found it on the pavement, and forgot to mention it to the

postmaster. He will have a hearing to-day,

An Epidemie of Measles. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An incipient epidemic of measles is daily developing in New York. The disease is confined chiefly to children in tenement houses, although the past week has shown an increase in private families. Dr. Nagle, of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, fears that, owing to the cold and inclement weather, the children will be confined to their homes more than usual, and thus the disease will spread more rapidly. For the two weeks ending December 11 924 cases were reported. It is said that in some of the wards most affected an effort will be made to have the public schools temporarily closed until the disease is abated.